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First Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/03346 filed September 1, 2000. This application also claims priority to patent application number 9920924.9 filed in Great Britain on September 6, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend page 11, line 1, as follows:

[Claims]What is claimed is:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (once amended) [Apparatus]An apparatus for mixing and maintaining particulates in liquid suspension, the apparatus comprising a reservoir for holding a fluid containing dispersed particles, the reservoir having an open top, side walls, end walls and a base; a substantially horizontally-disposed mixing plate mounted inside the reservoir, the mixing plate having a plurality of vertical holes extending